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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to promote vocational education in order to increase employment opportunities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government so far in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education is being implemented in States/UTs with the objective to promote vocational education to provide diversification of educational opportunities to enhance the self/wage employability and to reduce the gap between demand and supply of skilled manpower. Voluntary Organizations are also assisted under this scheme for specific innovative projects.

(b) & (c) The scheme so far has created a massive infrastructure of over 20,000 sections in 7000 schools with an estimated enrolment capacity of 10 lakhs students with an expenditure of Rs.700 crores. At Degree level it is being conducted in 1635 colleges of 35 Universities under University Grants Commission. Over 500 selected Community Polytechnics in the country are providing short- term training programmes to the youths in employable trades/skills. Also through the National Open School and the Jan Shikshan Sansthans vocational training is being provided.